

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and indicating that claims 6-8 contained allowable subject matter.

I. Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claim 1, 10, and 12 are independent. Claims 3 and 6 have been cancelled in this reply. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 10, and 12.

II. Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations recited in claims 3 and 6. Accordingly, claims 3 and 6, which previously depended from claim 1, have been cancelled in this reply. Claim 10 has also been amended to include the limitations recited in claims 3 and 6. Claim 12 has only been amended to remove a reference numeral. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102


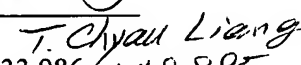
Claims 1-5 and 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,656,018 issued to Maher. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include the limitations recited in claims 3 and 6, which were considered by the Examiner to be allowable subject matter. Claim 12 is a method claim that references the electric motor recited in amended claim 10. Thus, claims 1, 10, and 12 are patentable over Maher. Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17102/008001).

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